

**Mount Vernon
City Council
Study Session
July 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Boudreau at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Boudreau, Councilmembers Hudson, Hulst, Lindquist, Quam, and Ragan

Absent: Councilmembers Molenaar and Fiedler (excused)

Staff Present: Public Works Director Bell, Police Chief Dodd, Project Development Manager Donovan, Finance Director Huschka, Community Development Director Hyde, Parks & Enrichment Services Director King, Assistant Public Works Director Love, City Attorney Rogerson.

Citizens Present: 3

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Report: Economic Development - for details please see committee minutes

B. Community Comments:

- Dan Mitzel came forward to address Council regarding the permitting process in the Community & Economic Development Department. He foresees a surge in development activity and thinks that Council should increase staffing in that department to alleviate bottlenecks in the permitting processes.
- Van Vanderpool came forward to address Council to express his concern with the lack of funding that comes to the City for street improvements.

C. 2016 On-Call Services for Materials Testing: Mr. Love presented a request for Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Material Testing & Consulting, Inc for the 2016 on-call materials testing services that the Public Works Department requires. These services provide quality assurance on earthwork and paving associated with street repairs and improvements.

Councilmember Quam moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Material Testing & Consulting, Inc for on-call testing in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hudson. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Special Election and Ballot Proposition to be Submitted to the Voters of the Mount Vernon Transportation Benefit District: Ms. Huschka presented Council with a proposed resolution calling for a special election and ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters of the City of Mount Vernon to authorize a two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax within the boundaries of the Mount Vernon Transportation Benefit District. These revenues will be used exclusively for the purpose of funding or partially funding transportation improvements within the District. If approved by Council this item would be on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot. This tax would sunset after ten years.

Councilmember Lindquist moved to approve Resolution 912 calling for a special election and ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters of the City of Mount Vernon to authorize a two-tenths of one

percent sales and use tax within the boundaries of the Mount Vernon Transportation Benefit District. Motion seconded by Councilmember Hulst. Motion carried 4-1 (Councilmember Ragan opposed).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rebecca J. Wade, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Alicia D. Huschka, Finance Director

APPROVE:

Jill Boudreau, Mayor